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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lee et al. (U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2002/0071396).

Regarding claim 1, Lee et al. teach a vocoder selection method for providing communication compatibility of an originator with a terminator and vice-versa, the vocoder selection method comprising the steps of:

requesting by the originator through a communication network to a call controller for a connection to the terminator (see paragraphs [0023] and [0041]);

determining by the call controller whether a transcoder is required for the connection between the originator and the terminator (see paragraph [0043]); and

if the transcoder is required, inserting the transcoder by the call controller into the connection (see paragraph [0043]).

Regarding claim 5, see paragraph [0042].

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3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Reddy et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,243,590).

Regarding claims 1-4, Reddy et al. teach a method and apparatus for a mobile telephone with the capability to handle calls using code division multiple access (CDMA) using one of at least two vocoder types, where the mobile telephone will adjust the type of vocoder being used to originate calls to match the capabilities of the base station that is providing service for the mobile telephone. (column 2, lines 46-53). Further, Reddy et al. teach that the controller 110 signals a set of index registers 108 to generate an index value that selects a vocoder type value from the vocoder type table 200 (column 3, lines 11-15).

Regarding claim 5, see column 2, lines 58-61.

Regarding claims 6 and 7, Reddy et al. further teach the vocoder selection method wherein there is further included a step of acknowledging by the call controller to the originator and the terminator for the connection with the terminator (column 3, lines 16-29).

Regarding claim 8, it is inherent if the step of determining by the call controller indicates that the transcoder is not required, there is further included a step of instructing by the call controller the communication network to make the connection directly between the originator and the terminator as a conventional manner.

Regarding claim 9, Reddy et al. further teach the vocoder selection method wherein the step of requesting by the originator includes a step of transmitting a set of vocoder capabilities of the originator to the call controller (column 3, lines 9-15).

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Regarding claim 10, Reddy et al. further teach the vocoder selection method wherein there is further included a step of transmitting a set of vocoder capabilities of the terminator to the call controller (column 2, lines 47-53).

Regarding claim 11, Reddy et al. further teach the vocoder selection method wherein the step of inserting the transcoder by the call controller into the connection includes a step of selecting by the call controller a transcoder for providing communication capability of the originator and the terminator (column 4, lines 6-23).

Regarding claims 12, 13 and 15, it is noted the communication network is using CDMA.

Regarding claim 14, it is inherent or at least obvious that the communication network includes a wide area network.

Regarding claims 16-20, the limitations of the claims are rejected for the same reasons as set forth in the rejection of claims 1-15 above.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Schmidt et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,682,416) teach a method and apparatus communication handover in a communication system. Proctor et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,898,696) teach a method and system for controlling an encoding rate in a variable rate communication system. Janky (U.S. Patent No. 6,014,375) teaches an TDMA radio protocol with adaptive vocoder selection. Proctor et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,049,537) teach a method and system for controlling speech encoding in a communication system. Pan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,944,137) teach a method and apparatus for a talkgroup call in a wireless communication system. Steijer et al. (U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2001/0004596) teach a radio communication network and a method and control apparatus in the network. Lee (U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2003/0043814) a PCM call -processing apparatus and method for mobile communication system.

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